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REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed April 18, 2006, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following Groups:

- Group I: Claims 1-14 and 36-38, drawn to a method of polynucleotide synthesis with non-nucleic acid polyanion which inhibits thermostable activity, classified in class 435, subclass 91.2.
- Group II: Claims 15-35, drawn to a kit comprising polymerase reversibly bound to a non-nucleic acid polyanion and polymerase reaction buffer, classified in class 435, subclass 91.2/810.

Applicants elect **Group II, claims 15-35**, without traverse, for further prosecution. Claims 1-14 and 36-38 have been withdrawn. New claims 39-42 have been added as discussed below. As acknowledged by the Examiner on pages 2-3 of the Office Action, Groups I and II are related as a process of use and product. Applicant makes this election with the understanding that upon the finding of a product claim of elected Group II allowable, the withdrawn process claims of Group I that depend from or otherwise include all limitations of such an allowable product claim will be rejoined with the pending claims, in accordance with the provisions of M.P.E.P. §821.04. As such, claims 1-14 and 36-38 of Group I are withdrawn but new claims 39-42 have been added such that they depend from claims 15 and 32 of elected Group II. In addition, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected invention at a later date.

CONCLUSION

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